

Inside 3D Printing 2017- Saxony-Anhalt is one of Europe's key locations for additive manufacturing

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IMG Saxony-Anhalt informs in Singapore about the investment opportunities in the Central German federal state

Magdeburg/Singapore When it comes to additive manufacturing, Saxony-Anhalt is among the pioneers in Germany and Europe, both with regard to research competencies and the use of 3D printing innovations. At the Inside 3D Printing Conference and Expo, which takes place on February 14th and 15th at the Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, IMG - Investment and Marketing Corporation will promote Saxony-Anhalt as science and business location in the fields of 3D printing, additive manufacturing and rapid prototyping.

A recent Ernst & Young study of additive manufacturing revealed that Germany in general and Saxony-Anhalt in particular have run with that fast and cost effective production technology. A full 37 percent of German companies already have experience with 3D printing. By comparison, 24 percent of firms in South Korea and China use 3D printing, 16 percent in the US.

At booth C9, and within a **seminar**, held on February 15th from 11:30 – 12:00 a.m., IMG Saxony-Anhalt informs about the excellent sector specific business opportunities. "We are taking advantage of the international presence in Singapore to highlight that Saxony-Anhalt is a very good place to start business in the field of additive manufacturing," says Bettina Quäschning, present **Managing Director of the Investment and Marketing Corporation** of the German federal state of Saxony-Anhalt.

Saxony-Anhalt is the heartland of the Central German chemistry triangle and combines tradition and modernity when it comes to plastic since 75 years. In the fields of 3D printing and rapid prototyping, it looks back on a pioneering history in research and development. Facts in favour for Saxony-Anhalt are, among others, the strong material development focus, the proximity to world leaders in machinery and equipment production and the first rate electronic device manufacturers, as well as the rapidly expanding end user markets.

According to Quäschning, it is also to interest investors from Singapore and Asia in Saxony-Anhalt in order to further increase the density of the economic landscape. At the same time, IMG Saxony-Anhalt is always promoting the good living and working conditions in the state as well as the touristic highlights.

Meet Saxony-Anhalt at Inside 3D Printing in Singapore:

Visit us at **stand C9**.

Or attend our **seminar: Saxony-Anhalt - Key Location for Additive Manufacturing**

Times: February 14, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m., and February 15, 11:30 - 12:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre

More info: www.invest-in-saxony-anhalt.com/news/en/2017/02/inside-3d-printing-singapore

Background: Saxony-Anhalt – Key location for additive manufacturing in Germany

A recent Ernst & Young study of additive manufacturing revealed that Germany in general and Saxony-Anhalt in particular have run with that fast and cost effective production technology. A full 37 percent of German companies already have experience with 3D printing. By comparison, 24 percent of firms in South Korea and China use 3D printing. In the United States the figure is a mere 16 percent. Germany and therefore Saxony-Anhalt holds the key to success for additive manufacturing business because of its applied research excellence and diverse industrial landscape combined with its culture of ingenuity and Europe's largest consumer market – providing perfect opportunities for starting presences in Europe.

An important player in the growth of additive manufacturing in Saxony-Anhalt is the Merseburg University of Applied Sciences. The university is a pioneer in the field, since it began working in this area much earlier than other universities and has the only professorship for generative manufacturing in Germany. The university runs an incubator for rapid prototyping and processing of composite materials. With the Rapid Prototyping Innovation Forum sponsored by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in 2008, Merseburger Innovations- und Technologiezentrum GmbH together with the Merseburg University of Applied Sciences started a networking initiative for companies and research institutions in that sector, which is now the hot topic of 3D printing. Currently, there are 19 Partners from Central Germany who are pursuing in addition to the innovation and market activities, the discovery of new fields of application, the optimization of production quality and the use of new materials suitable for Rapid Prototyping. This allows the network partners to offer a very broad range of services, for example the Central German Forum "3D printing in application" that takes place every year.

In this entrepreneurially intellectual environment, two companies stand out as examples for 3D printing in Saxony-Anhalt: citim and M3DP. Citim, born as a technology-endowed startup at Otto-von-Guericke University in 1996, quickly became one of the world's leading providers in the 3D printing of metal parts. It specializes in manufacturing prototypes, small and specialist series parts for air and space travel, medical technology, and components for the automotive sector. M3DP develops and prints patient-specific medical products and specializes in arterial waveforms with real subsidence based on CT images. Saxony-Anhalt has also been on the forefront of developing materials for 3D printing. There are lots of companies here with long experience working with different materials, metals and plastics that are now used in 3D printing.

Background: Inside 3D Printing Singapore:

Inside 3D Printing Conference and Expo is the largest professional 3D printing and additive manufacturing event worldwide. On **February 14th and 15th**, it takes place in Singapore. The conference is an important platform for knowledge transfer and networking and shows how 3D printing is revolutionizing industries including manufacturing, medicine, architecture, aerospace, and more.

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